

Appln. No. 09/479,862
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REMARKS

The Office Action has been carefully studied.
Claims 3 and 17-20 presently appear in this application, with unentered claims 21 and 22 previously presented in the unentered amendment of July 23, 2003 being canceled, and define patentable subject matter warranting their allowance. The examiner indicated in the Advisory Action of August 5, 2003, that claims 3 and 17-20 would be allowable if entered. Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested. Reconsideration and allowance are hereby also respectfully solicited.

Claims 3 and 17-20 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, because the examiner finds the specification, while being enabling for the claimed method wherein the proliferated transformed tumor cells produced ex vivo in claim 3 or claim 17 are directly administered into a tumor of a subject to treat the tumor cells of the tumor in the subject, does not reasonably provide enablement for transplanting the proliferated tumor cells at any site in the subject. This rejection is obviated by the amendments to claims 3 and 17 to positively recite that the proliferated transformed tumor cells are transplanted into a tumor of the subject.

In view of the above, the claims comply with 35 U.S.C. §112 and define patentable subject matter warranting

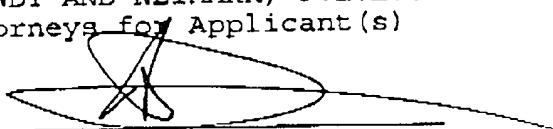
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their allowance. Favorable consideration and early allowance
are earnestly urged.

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